

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-47. **(Canceled)**

48. **(Currently amended)** A method for anchoring proximal and distal layers of [[a]] tissue to a luminal structure comprising the steps of:

positioning an apparatus next to a wall of the proximal tissue layer a luminal structure;

manually advancing the apparatus to penetrate an assembly member including a hollow cylindrical central member having distal and proximal anchors from the apparatus through the proximal and distal tissue layers a tissue penetration;

deploying the distal a first anchor from the central member such that said distal the first anchor expands to engage engages the tissue on a distal side of the distal tissue layer;

applying proximal tension to the apparatus; and

deploying the proximal a second anchor from the central member while tension is applied to the apparatus such that said proximal the second anchor expands to engage the engages the tissue on a proximal side of the proximal tissue layer, wherein the radius of the central member expands to provide a lumen through the tissue and the expanded central member and deployed anchors hold the assembly in place.

49. **(Canceled)**

50. **(Previously presented)** The method of claim 48, wherein deploying the distal [[first]] and proximal [[second]] anchors comprises self-expansion.

51. **(Previously presented)** The method of claim 48, wherein the anchors are comprised of mesh.

52. **(Previously presented)** The method of claim 48, wherein the anchors are comprised of a shape memory metal.

53. **(Previously presented)** The method of claim 48, wherein anchoring the tissue layers ~~a tissue to a luminal structure~~ creates an anastomotic connection.

55. **(Canceled)**

56. **(Currently amended)** The method of claim 48, wherein said luminal structure comprises a tissue selected from the group consisting of a bladder, uterus, ductal structure, tracheo-bronchial tree, vein, artery, and segment of bowel gall bladder, esophagus, stomach, small intestine, and colon.

57. **(Canceled)**

58. **(New)** A method as in claim 48 wherein the assembly is passed through a pre-formed penetration.

59. **(New)** A method as in claim 48, wherein advancing the apparatus opens a tissue penetration through which the assembly passes.

60. **(New)** A method as in claim 48, further comprising pushing on a proximal side of the assembly to apply a compressive force on the assembly to expand the central member.